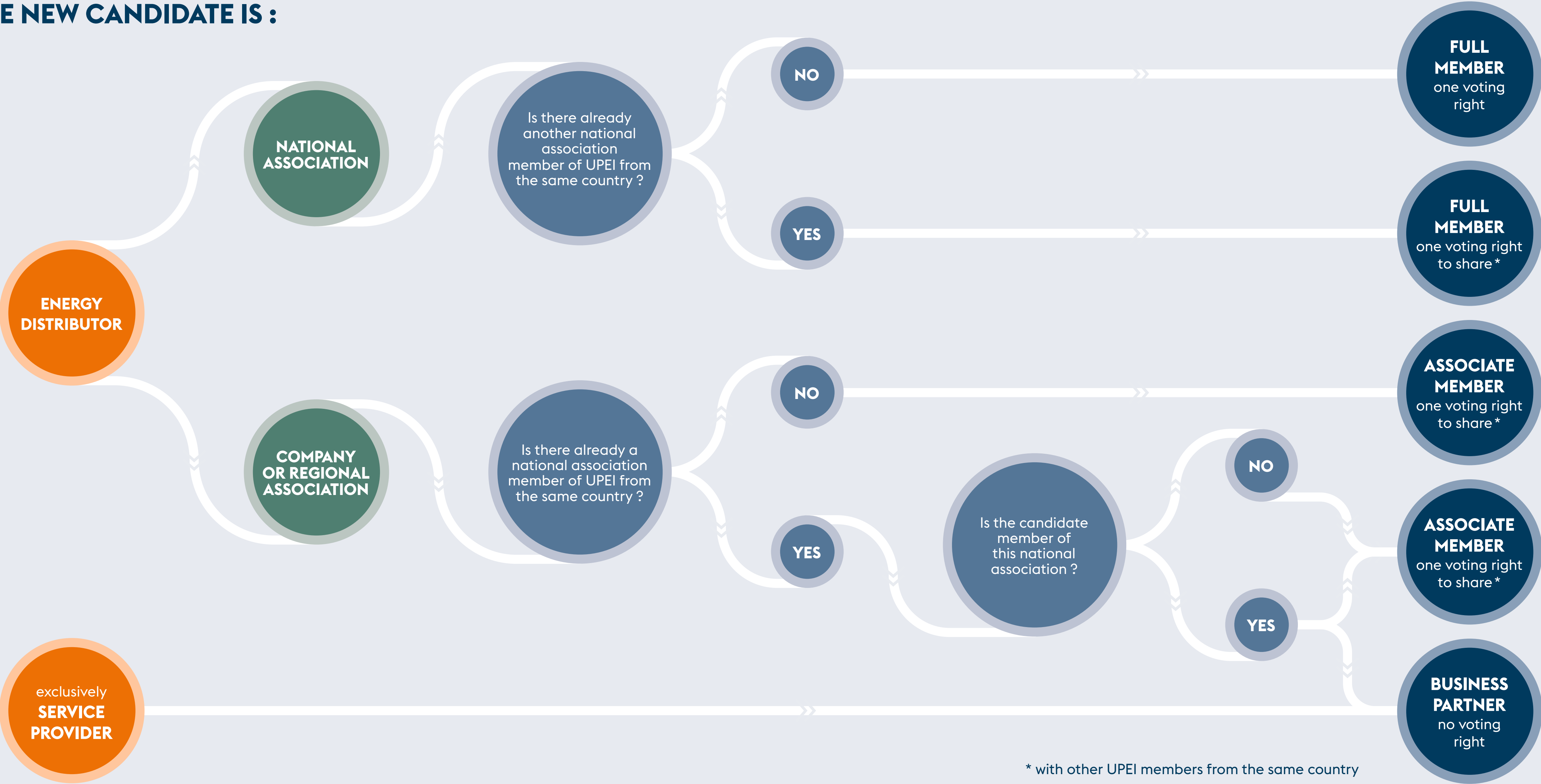


THE NEW CANDIDATE IS :





## DEFINE CATEGORY

The new system should consist of two membership categories:

1. **ENERGY DISTRIBUTOR:** independent company provider or association representative of providers of energy (fossil and/or alternative) in transport and heating in terms of import, trading, wholesale, and retail energies.
2. **SERVICE PROVIDER:** provider of supporting activities to the independent energy sector (e.g. VAT services, data management, oil tank manufacturers, AdBlue, etc...) not involved in energy distribution activity.

If it belongs to category two, it can only become a **business partner**, without voting right.

If it belongs to category one, go to step 2.



## DEFINE TYPE OF COMPANY

If it is a **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**, it can only become a **full member**. To determine the candidate's voting right, go to step 3.

If it is a **COMPANY OR A REGIONAL ASSOCIATION**, go to step 3.



## CHECK FOR OTHER MEMBERS FROM THE SAME COUNTRY

**National associations:**

- If it is **THE ONLY NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBER** in its country, it becomes a full member **with one voting right**.
- If there is **ALREADY A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBER** from the same country, it become a full member **with voting right to be shared with other national association**.

**Companies and regional associations:**

- If there is **NO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION IN THAT COUNTRY** it can only become an **associate member**; it must **share its voting right** with all other associate members of that country, if any.
- If **THERE IS A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION IN THAT COUNTRY**, it can:
  1. Become an **associate member** and must **share its voting right** with all other associate members of that country, if any.
  2. Become a **business partner** only if it is already a member of the (or one of the) national associations of that country.

**N.B.:** this system allows to avoid that any country receives more than two voting rights; associate members with voting rights from the same country must agree in advance who will represent their shared vote at each General Meeting.

